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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated December 19, 2001 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before March 19, 2002. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Applicants note that those claims not amended herein are being reiterated solely for the convenience of the Examiner.

## AMENDMENTS

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the following paragraph for that beginning at page 16, line 2.

31 An enhanced visibility composition for implantation from a remote source, so that the composition can be readily observed under fluoroscopy or other imaging techniques is disclosed. The compositions include a biocompatible matrix, such as a hard tissue implant material for example, and radiopaque particles mixed in the matrix. The radiopaque particles have a particle size between about 120 $\mu$  and 2200 $\mu$ , more preferably between about 350 $\mu$  and 2200 $\mu$ , even more preferably between about 450 $\mu$  and 1600 $\mu$ , and most preferably between about 570 $\mu$  and 1150 $\mu$ . Preferably the hard tissue implant and the radiopaque particles are formed or prepared in a slurry. Optionally, the enhanced